

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 7 and 15 allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record are Dailey et al, US 6363352 and Walther et al, US 20030217073. Applicant's reply makes evident the reason for allowance, satisfying the record as a whole as required by rule 37 CFR 1.104(e). In this case, the substance of applicant's remarks filed on 2/10/09, pages 7-9, point out the reason claims are patentable over the prior art of record (see MPEP 1302.14). Additionally, Examiner notes the amendment to claim 15 to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 101 refers to only the recordable-type media set forth in the specification, page 19, and does not include any transmission-type media such as signals, etc.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOHNNA R. LOFTIS whose telephone number is (571)272-6736. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8am-4:30pm.

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